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The E-rate program has been an essential program to ensure that the students, and schools of Wisconsin have quality access to the Internet. As Wisconsin is launching a statewide digital learning plan and portal for essential digital learning having the funding to implement quality networks is essential. In the last funding cycle applications from schools and libraries totaled more than \$5 billion, more than double the available funding. I respectfully urge the FCC to increase funding for the E-Rate program to at least \$5 billion to meet this demand. All students need access to high speed broadband. Our nation's future depends on their success.

Respectfully submitted.

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